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1. REGULAR PRAVDA COMMENTATOR YURIY KHARLANOV, WHOSE SEPTEMBER
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PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST NATO MANEUVERS (AND DISPARAGING WESTERN CBM

NOTIFICATIONS), IS BACK OCTOBER 3 WORRYING ABOUT THE MELDING OF NATO AND THE EC ALLEGEDLY BRUITED AT THE ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY MEETING IN COPENHAGEN.

2. LEADING WITH A QUOTE FROM THE DANISH AKTUEL T THAT "THE LEADERS OF THE WESTERN WORLD ARE STRUGGLING MORE AND MORE WITH THE PROBLEM OF WHERE THE EC ENDS AND NATO BEGINS," KHARLANOV NOTES THAT ALTHOUGH THE ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY IS PURELY CONSULTATIVE IT IS USED TO "BREAK IN" PROBLEMS FACTING NATO. THE PLATE IS FULL, HE GOES ON, WITH THE UNRESOLVED GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE OVER CYPRUS ON THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK AND SCHLESINGER AND LUNS DEMANDING THAT DEFENSE BUDGETS BE PUFFED UP "WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION." THUS THE "POLITICIZATION OF THE COMMON MARKET" EVOKE "SHARP POLEMICS." THE BAD BOYS WERE ENGLISH CONSERVATIVES AND CDU/CSU REPRESENTATIVES WHO DECLARED IN COPENHAGEN THAT "THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE EC CANNOT BE CONCEIVED OTHERWISE THAN WITHIN AND UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC BLOC. THE ENGLISH CONSERVATIVE P. VALL FORMULATED THE CONCEPT AS FOLLOWS: 'NATO WILL IN TIME BECOME THE MILITARY COMPONENT OF THE COMMON MARKET.' OTHERS WERE RATHER INCLINED TO THE OPINION THAT THE EC SHOULD BECOME THE ECONOMIC COMPONENT OF NATO."

3. NO DOUBT, KHARLANOV GOES ON FONDLY, THE COPENHAGEN DISCUSSION "SERIOUSLY COMPLICATED" TINDEMAN'S NEGOTIATIONS IN THE NINE CAPITALS ON THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE EC, SINCE "THE BLABBER-MOUTHS GATHERED AT THE NATO GET-TOGETHER BLURRED OUT THE REAL GOAL OF THE EFFORTS TO CREATE A NEW, NOT LESS CLOSED MILITARY-POLITICAL ALLIANCE ON THE BASIS OF THE CLOSED ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION WHICH THE EC IS."

4. TODAY AFTER HELSINKI, KHARLOANOV CONCLUDES, THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC DEMANDS CONSOLIDATION OF POLITICAL DETENTE AND ITS REINFORCEMENT BY MILITARY DETENTE, AND NOT "THE SCRAPING TOGETHER OF GROUPINGS LINKED WITH NATO." THE OLD ACTIVISTS OF ESTERN IMPERIALIST BLOCS ARE MEETING RISING CRITICISM, AND "PLANS TO CREAT NEW FORMATIONS OF SUCH A TYPE LOOK ANACHRONISTIC AT THE VERY LEAST."

5. COMMENT. WE HAVE NOT SEEN SOVIET WORRIES OVER EC-NATO SYMBOIOSIS STATED THIS FORECEFULLY FOR A LONG TIME, AND SUSPECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT RECENT PUBLICITY OVER STANDARDIZATION AND EVOLVING FRENCH ATTITUDES HAS REAWAKENED THEM. REFRENCES TO "GROUPINGS LINKED TO NATO" AND "NEW FORMATIONS" ARE ELLIPTICAL, BUT COULD REFER TO EUROGROUP. END COMMENT.
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